



Fluency

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Agenda

- Overview of Fluency
 - What is it?
 - Why is it important?
- Strategies to Build Fluency
- Let's Try It!

Five Areas of Reading Instruction

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- **Fluency**
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

What is fluency?

- Fluency is the ability to read a text **accurately, quickly, and with proper expression.**

- National Reading Panel

Fluent readers...

- read a text **accurately** and **quickly**
 - recognize words automatically
 - group words quickly
 - smooth, effortless reading

Fluent readers...

- read a text with **proper expression**
 - reading sounds natural
 - know how to pause appropriately
 - know how to change tone

Why is fluency important?

- Fluency leads to comprehension.
- Fluency frees students to understand what they read!

Why is fluency important?

More Fluent Readers

- focus attention on what the text means
- make connections to ideas in the text and their background knowledge

Less Fluent Readers

- focus attention on figuring out the words
- have little energy left for understanding the text

Fluency

- develops gradually
- changes depending on text
- key to developing fluency

**DAILY WIDE READING
OF EASY TEXT**

Strategies to Build Fluency

- Model fluent reading
 - Read aloud daily
- Repeated Reading
 - Choral Reading
 - Partner Reading
 - Timed Reading (phrases, passages)
- Quick Reads

Let's Try I t!

1. Quick Reads
2. Pausing With Punctuation
3. Great Poetry Race
4. Say I t Like the Character
5. Reader's Theater

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